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1. WITH THE EXCEPTIONS BELOW, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER SHOULD RAISE DIFFICULT BILATERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE SQUATTERS PROBLEM, WITH TORRIJOS DURING THIS FIRST VISIT. CONVERSATION SHOULD CENTER AROUND POSITIVE THEMES INDICATING AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S AWARENESS OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF PANAMA'S "REVOLUTION" AND OF ITS SUCCESS IN MAINTAINING A GOOD ENVIROMENT FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT, BANKING, AND TOURISM. TALKING POINTS MIGHT BE SIMILAR TO THOSE SUGGESTED FOR USE WITH PRESIDENT LAKAS (SEE REFTEL B).

2. PAN CANAL HAS PROPOSED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER SUGGEST THAT, PENDING REPLACEMENT OF THE PRESENT TREATY ARRANGEMENTS, THE GOP REFRAIN FROM ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO "DEMONSTRATE PANAMANIAN POLITICAL AND FISCAL JURISDICTION" WITHIN THE CANAL ZONE. IT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GOP OFFICIALS REFRAIN FROM INVOLVEMENT IN STRICTLY INTERNAL MATTERS OF THE CANAL ZONE. A RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS THE STATEMENT AGAINST THE GOVERNOR BY GENERAL TORRIJOS ON

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PANAMANIAN TELEVISION DURING THE CANAL PILOTS' WORK SLOWDOWN.

FINALLY PANCANAL SUGGESTS THAT THE GOP REVISE ITS POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNOR AND RE-ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION CHANNELS BETWEEN GENERAL TORRIJOS AND HIGH GOP OFFICIALS WITH THE GOVERNOR AS A MEANS FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH AT THAT LEVEL.

3. REGARDING PANCANAL'S THRID PROPOSAL BOTH TORRIJOS AND TACK REITERATED AS RECENTLY AS CALLAWAY VISIT GOP POLICY ON RELATIONS WITH CZG, BUT HOPEFULLY SOME FORMULA COULD BE DEvised WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONDUCT OF DAILY BUSINESS BETWEEN CZG/PCC AND GOP ON MORE EFFICIENT AND CORDIAL BASIS.

4. DURING AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TACK WE PROPOSE THAT HE RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE U.S. CONSULATE PROPERTY IN COLON AND SOLICIT TACK'S ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE MATTER.

5. SOUTHCOM MAY HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED BY SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.
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